

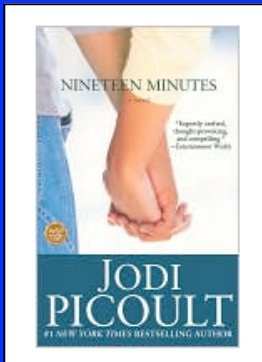
PUTNAM VALLEY READS! THE STANDARD IS 25



Home and school working together to provide encouragement and support to challenge the community to become lifelong readers.

Fall 2008

PVR Happenings



- **Parent Book Club**
Nineteen Minutes
by Jodi Picoult
Monday, Nov. 10
7:30PM
PV Library
Community Room
- **Holiday Community Read**
Saturday, Dec. 13
11:00AM-2:00PM
PVES Cafeteria
- **Kids' Book Clubs**
forming!
Contact Paul
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- **Magic Treehouse**
Need help planning
and building.
Contact Roberta
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Bob Tendy's Address to Class of 2008

First, never go anywhere without a book. It amazes me how often I see people in a professional setting, in a conference room or an office, waiting to conduct some piece of business, and they just sit there. They stare. Their brains are in neutral. I see them on trains, too. Subways, buses, everywhere. Sometimes they'll sit for one hour or more and not engage their minds with a book. It's a wasted opportunity. Carry a book with you at all times. Read. There are few things better than getting into a conversation with a person who is well-read, educated, open to ideas. The more you read, the more confident you become. The more you read, the more imaginative you become. The more you read the more logical your thought processes become. The more you read, *the better looking you become!* Nothing is more attractive than a confident, educated, well-read person. As you get older you'll begin to realize that this is true.

Second, I received a phone call the other day from a person who wanted to talk about various issues in our State and Town. Being an elected public servant, it's my job to listen and be polite. I have to do my best to understand and respond appropriately.

In the middle of the conversation the person stated that America is "the greediest nation in the world." Now, as I said, I am an elected public servant. I have to be polite. So I had to be careful in how I responded. So, after I yelled at the person for about thirty seconds--with a few colorful words thrown in--I slammed the phone down and hung up. I don't think it was an appropriate thing to do. But I lost my temper. But the gigantic display of ignorance still burns me. All of you owe it to yourselves to understand the history of your country. You also owe it to yourselves to understand how free you are in comparison to the rest of the world. The United States of America is the greatest country in the history of the world, and Americans are, indeed, "different." They are different because of the structure of our government, because of the rules and freedoms as set forth in our constitution, and because of the philosophical and political foundations as expressed in our Declaration of Independence.

A book just came out wherein the author interviewed immigrants from around the world coming to America--legal and illegal immigrants, some of them were political refugees; but all were on their way to America. At the end of each interview the author asks each person: have you ever met anyone going the other way? They all say "no." You owe it to yourselves to know how fortunate you are to live here.

So: read. Read a lot. And I would recommend that you start reading about your country if you haven't done so already.

Why read 20 minutes every night?

Student A reads:

- *20 minutes a night
- *100 minutes per week
- *400 minutes per month
- *4,000 minutes per year

Student B reads:

- *4 minutes a night
- *20 minutes per week
- *80 minutes per month
- *800 minutes per year

Source: US Dept of Education America Reads Challenge publication "Start Early, Finish Strong, How to Help Every Child Become a Reader"

Thanks to Kerri Burdett for sharing this very important reminder.

Any questions or comments, please contact Roberta Velichko at 845-526-1132 or rvelichko@optonline.net



Booklists Online!

In response to many parents' queries about good books to read, we have provided booklists on the EEC website as shown below.

Simply go to:

www.pvcsd.org - Parent Resources – PTA – EEC – PVR – Booklists.



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What Makes a Classic?

Welcome to the Kids Reads Classic Reading List --- the compilation of more than 100 remarkable classic books broken out by reader ability that we feel have risen above thousands of other titles when it comes to reader enthusiasm.

What makes a book a children's classic? The qualities that make a book memorable--unforgettable characters, top-notch writing, outstanding art work or just plain silliness--often determine whether it will stand the test of time and reach classic status. Celestial numbers --- strong and lasting commercial sales ---also drive an ordinary title towards being a classic. And a book's staying power --- its ability to remain popular with young readers and children's book professionals generation after generation--- is another clear indication that a book is destined for classical endowment.

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